

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting - February 11, 2021
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Legislative Conference Call
Nampa, Idaho**

A meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference, attended by Commissioners Brad Corkill, Don Ebert, Tim Murphy, Greg Cameron, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Ron Davies.

IDFG staff present: Director Ed Schriever, Deputy Directors Paul Kline and Scott Reinecker; Kathleen Trever and Owen Moroney, Deputy Attorney Generals; Frank Edelmann, Mary Boyer, and Michael Pearson. IDFG staff participating via phone: Greg Wooten, Martha Wackenhut, Sharon Kiefer, Chip Corsi, J.J. Teare, Jon Rachael, Dan Garren, Jim White, Tom Curet and Dave Silcock.

Chairman Corkill called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. MST

21-09 Don Ebert moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion to amend the agenda and add item 4. Report on Work/ Financial Cooperative Agreement between IDFG and Wolf Depredation Control Board as reposted on February 10, 2021. Motion carries.

LEGISLATION

Paul Kline, Deputy Director provided the updates on legislation.

Update About Commissioner Confirmations

The Senate voted to confirm the appointments of Commissioners Cameron, Davies, and Ebert on February 4th. That vote completes the confirmation process.

Update on Fish and Game Legislative Presentations (JFAC, Bills, other) and Budget

The Department JFAC Budget hearing is still scheduled for Monday, February 15th.

The Department provided testimony regarding the Commission's support of Senate Bill 1020, amending limitations of landowner liability for recreational use.

New Bill Analysis for Discussion/Update on Pending Legislation / Action for Policy Position

Deputy Director Kline reviewed the House and Senate Bill tracking tables (Appendix 54, Exhibit 11).

HB 91-Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding bait.

21-10 Commissioner Attebury moved and Commissioner Ebert seconded a motion to support House Bill 91 and provide testimony. Motion carries.

HB 92-Amends existing law to provide that failure to purchase a hound hunter permit constitutes an infraction. The Commission will monitor.

REPORT

Report on Work/Financial Cooperative Agreement between IDFG and Wolf Depredation Control Board

Director Schriever reported that pursuant to Idaho Code §22-5306(3) the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) transfers up to \$110,000 on July 1 each year to the fish and game subaccount administered by the Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board (WDCB) to be used as directed by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission (Commission).

The Commission previously provided FY21 funding direction to the WDCB in a letter dated May 14, 2020. Due to circumstances such as snow fall, it is unlikely that IDFG will be able to spend the funds it receives from the WDCB for wolf control work related to reducing predation on ungulates. The Director would like to present an amendment to the WDCB meeting on February 18th. The amendment would allow the use of \$30,000 to increase the funding to the Commission Community Challenge Grant program related to wolf hunting and trapping. The Commission would have to modify its direction to the WDCB for such an amendment to be effective. If the Commission is amenable, staff will prepare a modification of Commission direction to the WDCB and other related documents for the Commission to consider at its next teleconference on February 18.

Commission consensus is for the Department to prepare documents for Commission review and action at next week's meeting.

Adjourn



Brad Corkill
Chairman



Ed Schriever
Secretary